

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A device to be attached to a threaded stud, comprising a body having a bore for insertion of a stud, wherein the device has only a single pawl, and, in the absence of a stud in the bore, the pawl extends from an inner wall of the bore in a direction substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the bore, wherein the pawl has a flexible thin section connected to the inner wall and a thick section extending from the thin section, wherein the pawl can be bent in opposite directions at the thin section for mounting the device on a stud from two directions, wherein the pawl has only a single pair of thread engaging sections thereon, said pair being ~~are~~ formed at opposite sides of the thick section at a tip end of the thick section, one or another of the engaging sections being disposed for entering a space between crests of threads of a stud depending on a direction of insertion of the stud in the bore, wherein the pawl has only a single pair of grooves thereon, said grooves being ~~are~~ formed adjacent to corresponding engaging sections of the pawl at the opposite

sides of the thick section, each groove being disposed for receiving a crest of a thread adjacent to the space between crests, and wherein the opposite sides of the thick section of the pawl ~~between~~ extending continuously from the grooves ~~and to~~ the thin section are devoid of thread engaging sections and grooves corresponding to thread engaging sections.

2. (cancelled).

3. (currently amended) A device to be attached to a threaded stud, comprising a body having a bore for insertion of a stud, wherein the device has only a single pawl, and, in absence of a stud in the bore, the pawl extends from an inner wall of the bore in a direction substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the bore, wherein the pawl has a flexible thin section connected to the inner wall and a thick section extending from the thin section, wherein the pawl can be bent in opposite directions at the thin section for mounting the device on a stud from two directions, wherein the pawl has only a single pair of thread engaging sections thereon, said engaging sections being ~~are~~ formed at an end of the thick section, one or

another of the engaging sections being disposed for entering a space between crests of threads of a stud depending on a direction of insertion of the stud in the bore, wherein a length of the thick section of the pawl is substantially greater than a distance between the inner wall and a stud fully inserted in the bore, and wherein after full insertion of a stud in the bore, a centerline of the pawl forms an angle substantially less than 90° from the centerline of the pawl before insertion of a stud.

4. (previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein a tip of each engaging section is arcuate in a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the bore so as to conform to curvature of the threads.

5. (previously presented) The device according to claim 4, wherein each groove is arcuate in a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the bore so as to conform to curvature of the threads.

6. (currently amended) A device to be attached to a threaded stud, comprising a body having a bore for insertion of a stud, and having only a single pawl in the bore, wherein the pawl is connected by a hinge to a first inner

wall of the bore, wherein the pawl has a centerline extending in a first direction substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the bore before insertion of a stud in the bore and forming an angle of substantially less than 90° with respect to the first direction after full insertion of the stud in the bore, and wherein the pawl has only a single thread engaging section ~~at a pawl tip~~ at one side of the pawl, that enters a space between successive crests of threads of a stud, said thread engaging section being located at a tip of the pawl, and the pawl has only a single ~~adjacent~~ groove at said one side of the pawl, that receives one of the crests of the thread, said groove being adjacent to the thread engaging section, wherein the pawl has a length extending continuously along said one side between from the groove and to the hinge that is devoid of thread engaging sections and thread crest receiving grooves, and wherein a second inner wall of the bore is constructed to minimize lateral movement of the stud in the first direction, and in a direction orthogonal to the first direction.

7. (previously presented) A device according to Claim 6, wherein the second inner wall of the bore is dimensioned

to closely surround a major portion of a circumference of the stud.

8. (original) A device according to Claim 6, wherein the engaging section and the groove are formed on a section of the pawl substantially thicker than a section of the pawl forming the hinge.

9. (previously presented) A device according to Claim 8, wherein there is only a single section and only a single groove at each of opposite sides of the thicker section of the pawl, whereby an engaging section and a groove can engage threads of the stud irrespective of a direction of insertion of a stud into the bore.

10. (previously presented) A device according to Claim 9, wherein tips of the engaging sections and the grooves are arcuate in a plane perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the bore to conform to curvature of the threads of the stud.

11. (original) A device according to Claim 6, wherein a stud is disposed in the bore.

12. (original) A device according to Claim 1, wherein the body includes a component mounting section for holding a component.

13. (original) A device according to Claim 6, wherein the body includes a component mounting section for holding a component.